

# The Honours List

Calendar of Black Pioneers, Artists & Activists

2006

*"Some people dream of great accomplishments, while others stay awake & do them.." (Constance Newman)*

*Black Inventions* - Light Bulb Filament | Gas Mask | Automated Traffic Signal | Wrench | Fire Escape Ladder | Portable X-Ray Machine | Electric Elevator | Street Letter Box | Automatic Gear Shift  
*Black Cinema* - The Colour Purple | Boyz N The Hood | Roots | Porgy & Bess | Do The Right Thing | The Harder They Come | Boomerang | Amistad | Waiting to Exhale | Carmen Jones  
*Black Organisations* - NAACP | The Black Panthers | Pan African Conference | National Council of Negro Women | The National Urban League | Universal Negro Improvement Association | CORE  
*Black Literature* - I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings | Their Eyes Were Watching God | The Wonderful Ethiopians of the Ancient Cushite Empire | Beloved | Invisible Man | The 3 Musketeers

# JANUARY 2006

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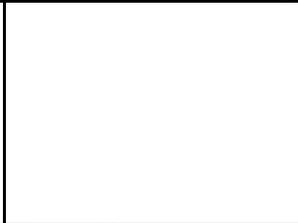
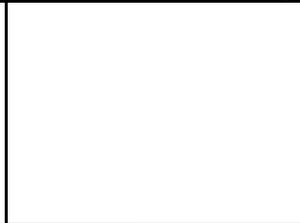
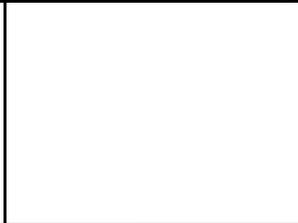
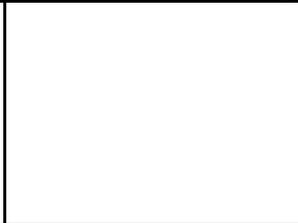
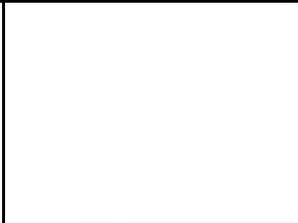
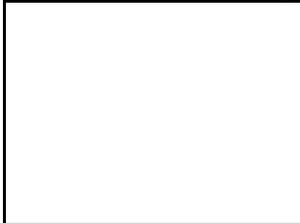
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**1**



Botanist. Invented over 300 products from Peanuts. 118 from Sweet Potato & 75 from Pecan. Introduced Crop Rotation in the South (1914)

**George W. Carver**  
Born 1 January 1860

**2**



Actor. Won Oscar for 'Jerry Maguire' (1996) Films include: 'Medal of Honour', 'Outbreak', 'Boyz n the Hood', 'As Good As It Gets' & 'Losing Isaiah'

**Cuba Gooding Jr.**  
Born 2 January 1968

**3**



On January 3rd, **Floyd B. McKissick** was named the **National Director of CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality)**

**4**



World Heavyweight Boxing Champion & Olympic Gold Medalist in 1952. Fought 64 times winning 40 bouts by Knockout

**Floyd Patterson**  
Born 4 January 1935

**5**



Dancer, Choreographer, Actor & Director. His Dance Company was the 1st to tour the USSR in 50 years. Choreographed 'Blues Suite' in 1958

**Alvin Ailey**  
Born 5 January 1931

**6**



Director, Producer & Writer. Films include: the 1991 Best Director Oscar Nominated 'Boyz n The Hood', '2 Fast 2 Furious' & 'Poetic Justice'

**John Singleton**  
Born 6 January 1968

**7**



Folklorist & Author. Works include: 'Their Eyes Were Watching God', 'Dust Tracks On a Road' & 'Moses, Man Of The Mountain'

**Zora Neale Hurston**  
Born 7 January 1891

**8**



Actress & Dancer. Films include: 'Mildred Pierce', 'The Women', 'Mosquito Coast' & 'Gone With the Wind'

**'Butterfly' McQueen**  
Born 8 January 1911

**1966**

**9**



Founder & Publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine. Recognized authority on Black Business Development & CEO of Earl G. Graves Ltd

**Earl G. Graves**  
Born 9 January 1935

**10**



Boxer. Won Gold at the 1968 Olympics. Undeaten in Professional bouts until the 1974 'Rumble in the Jungle' against Muhammad Ali

**George Foreman**  
Born 10 January 1949

**11**



Singer & Record Producer. Her 1991 debut LP has been accredited the birth of 'nu soul'. Hits include: 'Family Affair' & 'Deep Inside'

**Mary J. Blige**  
Born 11 January 1971

**12**



WBA World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion (1970) 27 of his 32 wins were by Knockout. His 3rd bout with Muhammad Ali was the 'Thrilla In Manila'

**Smokin' Joe Frazier**  
Born 12 January 1944

**1999**

**13**



On January 13th, **Michael Jordan** Retired from Basketball. Considered the greatest all-around player in NBA history

**14**



Rap Artist & Actor. His debut LP 'Radio' (1985) featured the 1st ever rap love-song 'I Need Love'. Films include: 'S.W.A.T.' & 'Deep Blue Sea'

**LL Cool J**  
Born 14 January 1972

**15**



Clergyman & Civil Rights Leader. Organised the Montgomery Bus Boycott & received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964

**Martin Luther King Jr**  
Born 15 January 1929

**16**



Sleek & hard-hitting Boxer. Won World titles at Middle-weight & Super-middle weight by the end of 1995. Also starred in 'Matrix Reloaded'

**Roy Jones**  
Born 16 January 1969

**17**



Civil Rights Protester. Poet, member of the Nation of Islam & Irrepressible 3 Time Heavy-Weight World Boxing Champion during 60's & 70's

**Muhammad Ali**  
Born 17 January 1942

**1998**

**18**



On January 18th, The New York Stock Exchange 1st began it's Annual Closing to honour the birthday of **Martin Luther King Jr**

**19**



1st Published the 'Negro Digest' in 1942 & now controls the world's largest Black-Owned Publishing Company, with 'Ebony' & 'Jet' magazines

**John H Johnson**  
Born 19 January 1918

**2001**

**20**



On January 20th, General **Colin Powell** became the 1st African American U.S. Secretary of State

**21**



Actress & Jazz Entertainer. The 1st black person to appear on British TV (1935) Films include: 'Kentucky Minstrels', 'Hallelujah!' & 'Pinky'

**Nina McKinney**  
Born 21 January 1909

**22**



Gospel & R&B Singer/Songwriter. Founded his own label & management firm in the 60's. Hits include: 'Chain Gang' & 'Twisting the Night Away'

**Sam Cooke**  
Born 22 January 1931

**1964**

**23**



On January 23rd, The 24th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, abolishing poll tax & enabling blacks to vote

**24**



'The Sherlock Holmes of Negro History'. Collector, Curator & Bibliophile who researched the contribution of African descendants

**Arthur Schomburg**  
Born 24 January 1874

**25**



Portuguese Footballer. Top scorer at the 1966 World Cup & European footballer of the year, with 727 goals in 715 games

**Eusebio**  
Born 25 January 1942

**26**



The World's 1st African-American Woman Pilot (1921) Taught other black women to fly & thrilled thousands with her daring airborne feats

**Bessie Coleman** (Queen Bess)  
Born 26 January 1892

**27**



The King Of The Slide Guitar. His sound dominated Chicago blues in the 50's & 60's. Hits include: 'Dust My Broom' & 'Baby Please Set A Date'

**Elmore James**  
Born 27 January 1918

**28**



East Coast Hip Hop Artist. Acknowledged as one of the greatest MCs of all time. Hits include: 'I Ain't No Joke', 'Paid In Full' & 'Eric B. Is President'

**Rakim**  
Born 28 January 1968

**29**



The 1st woman to Own & Produce her own Talk Show & the 1st African-American woman Billionaire. Starred in 'The Colour Purple' (1985)

**Oprah Winfrey**  
Born 29 January 1954

**30**



Fiercely Trumpet Player. Led his own group in the 40's, later working with Gene Krupa, Benny Goodman, Count Basie & Ella Fitzgerald

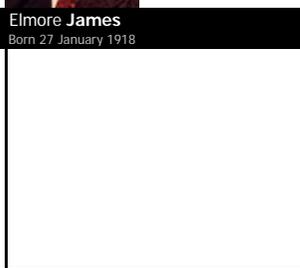
**Roy Eldridge** (Little Jazz)  
Born 30 January 1911

**31**



The 1st Black Baseball player in the Major Leagues. Joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 & was voted National MVP 2 years later

**Jackie Robinson**  
Born 31 January 1919



# FEBRUARY 2006

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**1**

Author of Novels, Musicals, Plays & Poems. His numerous anthologies popularised the works of other Black Authors



**Langston Hughes**  
Born 1 February 1902

**2**

Writer, Educator & Activist. Researched Black History & self-published 'The Wonderful Ethiopians of the Ancient Cushite Empire' in 1926



**Drusilla Dunjee Houston**  
Born c1876 Died 2 February 1941

**3**

On February 3rd, The US Postal Service issued the Sojourner Truth Stamp commemorating the life of the Feminist Writer & Abolitionist



**1977**

**4**

NAACP Secretary & Civil Rights Figure. Her refusal to surrender her seat when ordered by a local bus driver led to Desegregation in the US



**Rosa Parks**  
Born 4 February 1913

**5**

The most prolific Home-Run Hitter in Baseball history. Comfortably exceeded Babe Ruth's record with his career total of 755



**Hank Aaron**  
Born 5 February 1934

**6**

Legendary Singer & Songwriter. The 1st Rastafarian Reggae Superstar. Hits include: 'No Woman No Cry', 'Get Up, Stand Up', 'One Love'



**Bob Marley**  
Born 6 February 1945

**7**

Composer of Ragtime Jazz & Popular Music. Co-wrote 'Shuffle Along' in 1921, which was the 1st Black written & directed Broadway Musical



**James Hubert Blake**  
Born 7 February 1883

**8**

On February 8th Oprah Winfrey became the 1st Black Woman to host a nationally syndicated Talk Show



**1986**

**9**

Civil Rights Activist & Author. Won the Pulitzer Prize for 'The Colour Purple' (1982) which later had an Oscar winning film adaptation



**Alice Walker**  
Born 11 August 1944

**10**

The 1st black to Sing Opera on TV, proving triumphant in the title role of the National Broadcasting Company's Tosca in 1955



**Leontyne Price**  
Born 10 February 1927

**11**

On February 11th Nelson Mandela The South African Black Nationalist was freed after 27 years in prison



**1990**

**12**

Basketball Player. During his 13 year career he dominated the NBA like no other, winning 11 championships with his team, the Boston Celtics



**Bill Russel** (The Ghost)  
Born 12 February 1934

**13**

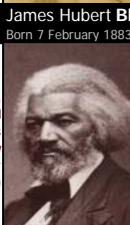
On February 13th, The Negro National Baseball League was formed in Kansas City by Andrew Foster (the Father of Black Baseball)



**1920**

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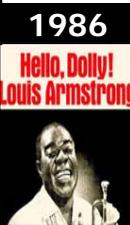
Abolitionist & Orator. Considered to be the Founder of the Civil Rights Movement. Published the anti-slavery newspaper 'North Star' in 1847



**Frederick Douglass**  
Born c14 February 1818

**15**

On February 15th Louis Armstrong had his 1st & only Number One Record with 'Hello Dolly'



**1964**

**16**

Actor & Director. Known for his role as Lt. Commander Geordi La Forge in 'Star Trek: The Next Generation' & Kunta Kinte in 'Roots'



**LeVar Burton**  
Born 16 February 1957

**17**

Political Activist, Leader & Co-founder of The Black Panthers. His manslaughter conviction lead to a rapid expansion of the party nationwide



**Huey Newton**  
Born 17 February 1942

**18**

Author. The 1st African American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature for her novel 'Beloved' (1931) She later won the Pulitzer Prize



**Toni Morrison**  
Born 18 February 1931

**19**

Iconic Singer & Songwriter. Her 1984 debut LP won a Best New Artist Grammy Award. Hits include: 'No Ordinary Love' & 'Sweetest Taboo'



**Sade**  
Born 19 February 1963

**20**

Actor & Director. 1st Black to win an Oscar for a Leading Role: 'Lilies Of The Field' (1963) Also starred in 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'



**Sidney Poitier**  
Born 20 February 1927

**21**

Jazz Singer, Composer & Pianist. Hits include: 'My Baby Just Cares For Me', the protest song 'Mississippi Goddam' & 'I Loves You Porgy'



**Nina Simone**  
Born 21 February 1933

**22**

On February 22nd Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince won the 1st Rap Grammy for the hit single: 'Parents Just Don't Understand'



**1989**

**23**

Author. Influential in the creation of the NAACP & Pan African Conferences (1919) Published 'The Souls of Black Folk' (1903)



**Dr. W.E.B. DuBois**  
Born 23 February 1868

**24**

The 1st Black President of an American College & Bishop of AME Church. Worked to disprove the pro-slavery argument in the 19th century



**Daniel Payne**  
Born 24 February 1811

**25**

Preacher & Founder of the 1st Nation of Islam Mosque & University in the US. In 1934, he disappeared without a trace



**Wallace D. Fard**  
Born 25 February 1891

**26**

Singer & Pianist of the 50's. His unprecedented series of 35 Top 40 singles included: 'Ain't That a Shame' & 'Whole Lotta Loving'



**Fats Domino**  
Born 26 February 1928

**27**

Opera Singer. The 1st Black to perform with the New York Metropolitan Opera in 1955. Became a delegate & received the UN Peace Prize in 1972



**Marian Anderson**  
Born 27 February 1897

**28**

On February 28th, Porgy & Bess 1st Opened on Broadway starring Anne W. Brown & Todd Duncan



**1943**

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# MARCH 2006

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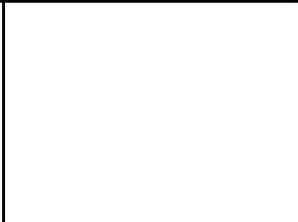
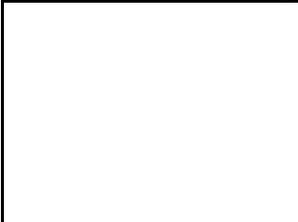
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**1**  
Writer. His 1st novel: 'Invisible Man' (1952) won the National Book Award. Works include: 'Shadow & Act', 'Going to the Territory' & 'Juneteenth'

**Ralph Ellison**  
Born 1 March 1914



**2**  
The 1st Woman President & Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defence & Educational Fund. Prominent in abolishing the death penalty

**Elaine R. Jones**  
Born 2 March 1944



**3**  
All-round Athlete. Holds 4 world records, 2 Olympic & 2 World titles & the 1st 7,000-point total at the Heptathlon

**Jackie Joyner Kersee**  
Born 3 March 1962



**4**  
Invented the 'Gas Mask' (1916) A modified model was used during WWI. Also invented a new type of 'Automated Traffic Signal' (1923)

**Garrett A. Morgan**  
Born 4 March 1877



**5**  
Playwright. Co-founded the Afro-American Arts Theatre in Philadelphia (1967) Works include: 'Zooman & the Sign' & 'A Soldier's Play'

**Charles Fuller**  
Born 5 March 1939



**6**  
Actress, Best Selling Author, Dancer, Singer with the Supremes, who were inducted into the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame

**Mary Wilson**  
Born 6 March 1944



**7**  
West Indies Cricketer, feared bowler since the 70's. Holds the Record for the Fastest Century scored in Test Cricket (1986)

**Vivian Richards**  
Born 7 March 1952



**8**  
Hollywood Character Actress. Starred in 'Delightfully Dangerous' & 'The Imitation of Life'

**Louise Beavers**  
Born 8 March 1902



**9**  
Dean of Tuskegee Institute's woman's department. 1st President of the National Federation of Coloured Women's Clubs (1896)

**Margaret Murray**  
Born 9 March 1865



**10**  
Escaped from slavery in 1850 then returned to guide over 300 slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Was called the Moses of her people

**Harriet Tubman**  
Born c1820, Died 10 March 1913



**11**  
Actor & Producer. Well known for his role in the TV series 'Sparks'. Films include: 'Ray', 'Mr. Holland's Opus', 'Dead Presidents' & 'The Best Man'

**Terrence Howard**  
Born 11 March 1969



**12**  
Award winning Author. Writing for Children of all ages, her works include: 'The House Of Dies Drear' & 'The Justice Trilogy'

**Virginia Hamilton**  
Born 12 March 1936



**13**  
The 1st Black Woman Editor of the editorial pages of a major daily publication

**Cynthia Tucker**  
Born 13 March 1955



**14**  
Record, TV & Film Producer, Musician, Songwriter. 1st black vice president of a major record label (Mercury 1960) Won 26 Grammy Awards

**Quincy Jones**  
Born 14 March 1933



**15**  
Musician. Frontman in the 70's soul & funk band Sly & the Family Stone. Hits include: 'Hot Fun In The Summertime', 'Everyday People' & 'Stand'

**Sly Stone**  
Born 15 March 1944



**16**  
2nd Black Woman to receive a Medical Degree in the US (1867) Practiced medicine for 50 years & started a Women's Directory Centre

**Rebecca J. Cole**  
Born 16 March 1896



**17**  
Jazz Musician & TV show host in 1956. Hits include: 'Mona Lisa', 'Unforgettable' & 'Straighten Up & Fly Right'

**Nat King Cole**  
Born 17 March 1919



**18**  
Actress, Hip-Hop's 1st Lady & Co-CEO of Flavor Unit Ent. Films include: 'Set It Off', 'Bringin Down The House', 'Living Out Loud' & 'Chicago'

**Queen Latifah**  
Born 18 March 1970



**19**  
The 1st established Black Woman in Stand-up Comedy. In the 60's, she recorded over 20 comedy albums & starred in 'Amazing Grace'

**Jackie Mom's Mabley**  
Born 19 March 1897



**20**  
Director, Writer & Actor. Films include: 'Mo'Better Blues', 'Jungle Fever', 'Malcom X' & the 1989 Oscar Nominated 'Do The Right Thing'

**Spike Lee**  
Born 20 March 1957



**21**  
The 1st black woman to complete the requirements for a Ph.D

**Eva Beatrice Dykes**  
Born 21 March 1921



**22**  
Jazz Guitarist, Composer & Singer. Recordings include: 'It's Uptown', 'The New Boss Guitar', 'Par Excellence' & 'Irreplaceable'

**George Benson**  
Born 22 March 1943



**23**  
Singer, Rock'n'Roll legend. Hits include: 'Ain't Nobody', 'Never Miss The Water' & 'I Feel For You'

**Chaka Khan**  
Born 23 March 1953



**24**  
President of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) for over 4 decades, developing model community-based programs

**Dr. Dorothy Height**  
Born 24 March 1912



**25**  
Gospel, Soul & R&B singer. Her 1967 signature song 'Respect' was an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement. Won 11 Grammy awards

**Aretha Franklin**  
Born 25 March 1942



**26**  
Singer & Actress. Received Best Actress Oscar Nomination in 1972 for 'Lady Sings the Blues', as well as recording a #1 soundtrack

**Diana Ross**  
Born 26 March 1944



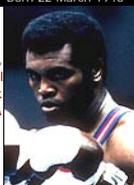
**27**  
Author & Scat/Jazz Singer. One of the 1st singers to fully incorporate 'bop phrasing' in her singing & have the vocal skills to pull it off

**Sarah Vaughn**  
Born 27 March 1924



**28**  
On March 28th, Bill Russell became the 1st Black Coach in the NBA

**1966**



**29**  
Cuban Boxer. Made history in amateur boxing winning Gold Medals in the 1972, 1976 & 1980 Olympic Games

**Teófilo Stevenson**  
Born 29 March 1952



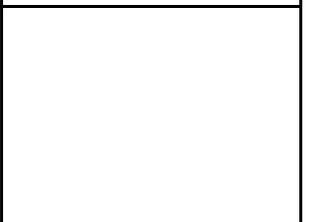
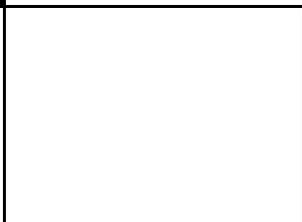
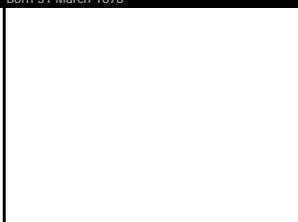
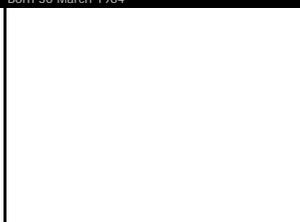
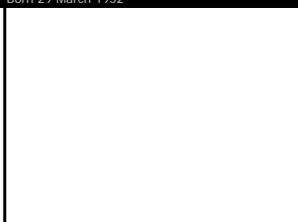
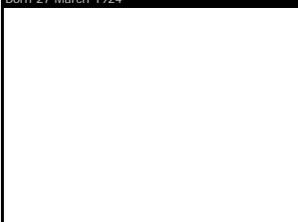
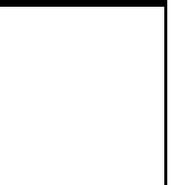
**30**  
Guitarist, Singer, Songwriter Hits include: 'Crossroads', 'Give Me One Reason' & 'Fast Car'. Her debut LP received 4 Grammy Awards

**Tracy Chapman**  
Born 30 March 1964



**31**  
The World's 1st African American Heavy-Weight Boxing Champion (1908) Also Patented a wrench (1922)

**Jack Johnson**  
Born 31 March 1878



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**Eddie Murphy**  
Born 3 April 1961



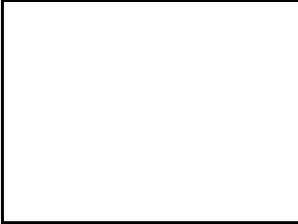
**Babyface**  
Born 10 April 1958



**Lela Rochon**  
Born 17 April 1964



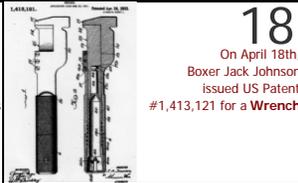
**Djimon Hounsou**  
Born 24 April 1964



**Booker T. Washington**  
Born 5 April 1856



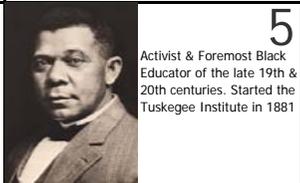
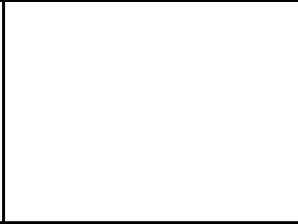
**Jane M. Bolin**  
Born 11 April 1908



**Kelly Holmes**  
Born 19 April 1970



**Ella Fitzgerald**  
(the First Lady of Song)  
Born 25 April 1917



**Al Greene**  
Born 13 April 1946



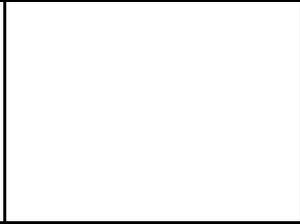
**Luther Vandross**  
Born 20 April 1951



**Mica Paris**  
Born 27 April 1969



**Simbi Khali**  
Born 28 April 1971



**Elenor Holmes Norton**  
Born 8 April 1938



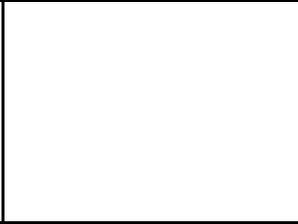
**Norma Merrick Sklarek**  
Born 15 April 1928



**Charles Mingus**  
Born 22 April 1922



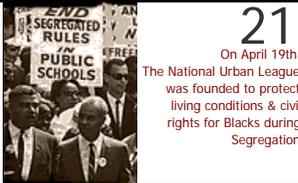
**Duke Ellington**  
(The Duke)  
Born 29 April 1899



**Kareem Abdul Jabbar**  
Born 16 April 1947



**Granville T. Woods**  
Born 23 April 1856



**Shaka Zulu**  
Born c1787, died 30 April 1828



**Marlin Van Jones**  
Born 1 April 1948



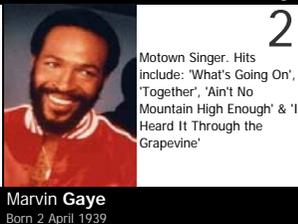
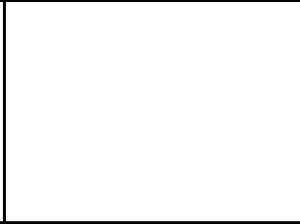
**Tiger Woods**  
Born 31 December 1975



**Barack Obama**  
Born 21 August 1961



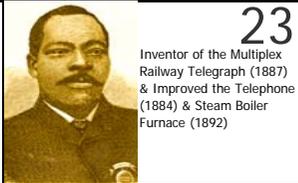
**Barack Obama**  
Born 21 August 1961



**Paul Robeson**  
Born 9 April 1898



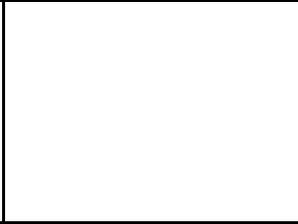
**Kareem Abdul Jabbar**  
Born 16 April 1947



**Granville T. Woods**  
Born 23 April 1856



**Shaka Zulu**  
Born c1787, died 30 April 1828



# MAY 2006

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Jazz Vocalist & Pianist. 6 time Grammy nominee. Recordings include: 'Embers & Ashes', 'You Won't Forget Me' & 'The Main Ingredient'

**Shirley Horn**  
Born 1 May 1934



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Inventor. Earned over 50 patents including 'The Automatic Lubrication System' for Rail-Road & Heavy Machinery in 1892

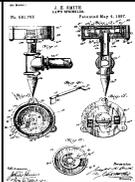
**Elijah (The Real) McCoy**  
Born 2 May 1844



3

Singer, Songwriter, Dancer & Bandleader. Evolved R&B into Soul & Funk. Hits include: 'Pappa's Got a Brand New Bag' & 'I Feel Good' & 'Sex Machine'

**James Brown** (The Godfather of Soul)  
Born 3 May 1933



4

On May 4th, Inventor J.W. Smith issued Patent for the **Lawn Sprinkler**

1844



5

Super cool Actor of the 70's. Films include: 'Black Belt Jones', 'Hot Potato' & 'Enter the Dragon'. Also won ranked titles in Tennis & Karate

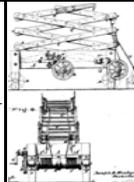
**Jim Kelly**  
Born 5 May 1946



6

Professional Baseball Player. Playing mainly centre field he won 12 consecutive Gold Gloves for his outfield defence & 2 MVP Awards

**Willie Mays**  
Born 6 May 1931



7

On May 7th Inventor Joseph Winters issued US Patent #203,517 for a **Fire Escape Ladder**

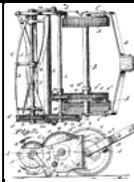
1878



8

Controversial Boxer of the 50's. Hounded by police & avoided by opponents until he became World Heavy-weight Champion in 1962

**Sonny Liston**  
Born 8 May 1932



9

On May 9th, Inventor John Burr issued US Patent #624,749 for the **Lawn Mower** Designed with rotary blades

1899



10

Modern Dancer, Dance Director & Author. The tour de force solo 'Cry' was her signature piece. In 1988 she founded the Jamison Project

**Judith Jamison**  
Born 10 May 1943



11

Highly controversial leader of the Nation of Islam. Since 1955 he has championed racial segregation. Organized the 'Million Man March' in 1995

**Minister L. Farrakhan**  
Born 11 May 1933



12

Actor, Producer. Won Golden Globe for HBO's 'Don King: Only in America' (1998) Films include: 'Mission: Impossible', 'Undisputed' & 'Pulp Fiction'

**Ving Rhames**  
Born 12 May 1959



13

Musician. Won Best Original Song Oscar for 'The Woman In Red' (1984) Received 22 Grammy awards. Hits include: 'As' & 'Knocks Me Off My Feet'

**Stevie Wonder**  
Born 13 May 1950



14

Skilled Nurse & Author of her autobiography: 'Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands' (1857) Treated soldiers in the Crimean War

**Mary Seacole**  
Dies 14 May 1881



15

Psychiatrist & Educator. Helped desegregate Southern Health facilities. Consultant for 'The Cosby Show' ensuring the positive image of blacks

**Dr Alvin Poussaint**  
Born 15 May 1934



16

Singer & Actress. Received Best Song Oscar nomination for Poetic Justice (1993) Hits include: 'Together Again', 'Got Til It's Gone' & 'Rhythm Nation'

**Janet Jackson**  
born on 16 May 1966



17

Inventor. Holds 61 Patents including: a Portable X-ray Machine, Air-Conditioning & Automatic Refrigeration for Long-Haul trucks

**Fred McKinley Jones**  
Born 17 May 1893



18

Blues Singer. Hits include: 'Flip, Flop & Fly', 'Honey, Hush' & 'Shake, Rattle & Roll'. Also appeared in the documentary 'Last Of The Blue Devils'

**Big Joe Turner**  
Born May 1911



19

Religious & Political Leader. Left the Nation of Islam to form his own organization. Rejected black separatism after his pilgrimage to Mecca

**Malcom X**  
Born 19 May 1925



20

Frenetic Hip Hop/Ragga Musician & Actor. Hits include: 'Break Ya Neck' & 'Make It Clap'. Also starred in 'Higher Learning' & 'Narc'

**Busta Rhymes**  
Born 20 May 1972



21

Highly praised Brooklyn-born Rapper of the 90's. His death in 1997 remains unsolved. Hits include: 'Sky's The Limit', 'Juicy' & 'Big Poppa'

**Notorious B.I.G.** (Biggie Smalls)  
Born 21 May 1972



22

Supermodel & Actress with a highly successful line of perfumes. Films include: 'Trippin'', 'Prisoner of Love', 'Miami Rhapsody' & 'Girl 6'

**Naomi Campbell**  
Born 22 May 1970



23

South-paw Middleweight Boxing Champion. After 13 successful title defences he lost to Sugar Ray Leonard by a split points decision in 1987

**Marvin Hagler**  
Born 23 May 1954



24

Singer. Lead member of the disco group 'LaBelle'. Hits include: 'You'll Never Walk Alone', 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' & 'Lady Marmalade'

**Patti LaBelle**  
Born 24 May 1944



25

Trumpeter & Composer. His 1958 masterwork: 'Kind of Blue' was recorded with composer-pianist Bill Evans & saxophonist John Coltrane

**Miles Davis**  
Born 25 May 1926



26

Actress, Singer & 70's Icon. 1st Black woman to appear on the cover of MS. Magazine. Films include: 'Foxy Brown', 'Coffy' & 'Jackie Brown'

**Pam Grier**  
Born 26 May 1949



27

Actor. Won an Academy Award for his role in 'An Officer & a Gentleman' (1982) Films include: 'A Raisin in the Sun', 'The Punisher' & 'Jaws 3-D'

**Louis Gossett, Jr.**  
Born 27 May 1936



28

Activist, Nurse, Health Services Administrator & Educator. Widow of the late Malcolm X. She died in a mysterious fire in 1997

**Betty Shabazz** (Betty X)  
Born 28 May 1936



29

British Singer. Member of 'The Spice Girls' who hit #1 with their debut 'Wannabe'. Hits include: 'Feels So Good', 'Tell Me' & 'I Want You Back'

**Mel B** (Scary Spice)  
Born 29 May 1975



30

One of the finest Poets of the Harlem Renaissance. Works include: 'I Have a Rendezvous with Life', 'The Black Christ' & 'Ballad of the Brown Girl'

**Countee Cullen**  
Born 30 May 1903



31

1st Black Woman to serve as a US Ambassador. Cabinet member for President Jimmy Carter as Secretary of Housing & Urban Development

**Patricia Harris**  
Born 31 May 1924



# JUNE 2006

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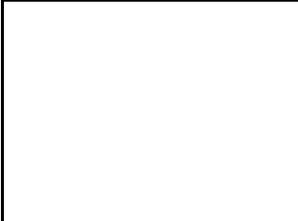
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**1**



**Morgan Freeman**  
Born 1 June 1937

Actor & Director. Won Best Supporting Actor Oscar for 'Million Dollar Baby' (2005) Films include: 'Glory', 'Se7en' & 'The Shawshank Redemption'

**2**



**Dennis Haysbert**  
Born 2 June 1954

Actor. Star of the hit TV Series '24' & 'Buck Rogers'. Films include: 'Waiting to Exhale', 'Heat', 'The Thirteenth Floor' & 'Insomnia'

**3**



**Josephine Baker**  
Born 3 June 1906

Dancer, Singer & Actress. Took Paris by storm in the 20's. Obtained information for the French Military in WWII & later helped Red Cross

**4**



**Elizabeth Koontz**  
Born 4 June 1919

Educator & Politician. In 1968 became the 1st black woman President of the National Education Association (NEA) Received honorary degrees

**5**



**Tommie Smith**  
Born 5 June 1944

Athlete. Upon Receiving his 200m Gold medal at the 1966 Olympics, raised a Black-gloved clenched fist as a symbol of Black Activism

**6**



**Marian Wright Edelman**  
Born 6 June 1939

Lawyer, Educator, Author, Activist, & Reformer. The 1st Black woman to practice Law in Mississippi. Founder of the Children's Defence Fund

**7**



**Prince (The Artist)**  
Born 7 June 1958

Musician, Producer, Actor & Director. Won Best Music Score Oscar for 'Purple Rain' (1984) Hits include: 'Kiss', 'Paisley Park' & 'Musicology'

**8**



**Keenan Ivory Wayans**  
Born 8 June 1958

Actor, Comedian, Director & Writer. Creator of the 90's TV series: 'In Living Colour'. Films include: 'I'm Gonna Get You Sucka' & 'Scary Movie'

**9**



**Johnny Ace**  
Born 9 June 1929

Smooth R&B Singer of the 50's. Hits include: 'My Song', 'Cross My Heart', 'Pledging My Love', 'The Clock', 'Please Forgive Me' & 'Anymore'

**10**



**Hattie McDaniel**  
Born 10 June 1895

Singer & Actress. Received Best Supporting Actress Oscar for 'Gone with the Wind' (1939) Films include: 'Show Boat' & 'Judge Priest'

**11**



**Hazel Scott**  
Born 11 June 1920

Actress, Classical & Jazz Pianist. The 1st black woman to have her own TV show in the 40's. Recorded 'Tico Tico' & starred in 'Rhapsody in Blue'

**12**



**H. Claude Hudson**  
Born 12 June 1887

Dentist, Civil Rights Lawyer & L.A Icon. President of the 1st branch of the NAACP in Louisiana. Later served as president of the L.A. branch

**13**



**Doc Cheatham**  
Born 13 June 1905

Lead-Trumpeter. Played with Cab Callaway for 8 years then came into his own as a soloist in the late 60's. Also appeared on TV's 'The Sound Of Jazz'

**14**



**Marcus Miller**  
Born 14 June 1959

Jazz Musician, Band Leader & Composer. Ever faithful to improvisation, has developed a technique called 'slapping' on the electric bass

**15**



**Ice Cube**  
Born 15 June 1969

Hip Hop Musician, Actor, Producer, Writer & Director. Films include: 'Barbershop', 'Torque', 'Higher Learning', 'Friday' & 'Boyz N the Hood'

**16**



**Tupac Shakur**  
Born 16 June 1971

Prolific & Controversial Hip Hop Musician & Actor. Hits include: 'Changes' & 'Dear Mama'. Films include: 'Juice', 'Poetic Justice' & 'Gridlock'd'

**17**



**Venus Williams**  
Born 17 June 1980

World Class Tennis Player. Has won Gold at the 2000 Olympics, the French Open doubles with sister Serena, the US Open & Wimbledon

**18**



**Tom Turpin**  
Born 18 June 1873

Musician & Ragtime Icon. Wrote & published the 1st instrumental rag by a Black composer: 'Harlem Rag' (1897) Owned The Rosebud Cafe

**19**



**Juneteenth**

On June 19th, Blacks in Texas received news that they were Free from Slavery. This became the celebration called Juneteenth

**20**



**Lionel Richie**  
Born 20 June 1949

Soul Singer. Co-founded the Commodores & signed to Motown in 1971. Hits include: 'Easy like Sunday morning', 'Hello' & 'All Night Long'

**21**



**Henry Ossawa Tanner**  
Born 21 June 1859

Painter of Landscapes & Biblical Themes. Works include: 'Abraham's Oak', 'Nicodemus Visiting Jesus' & 'Daniel in the Lions' Den'

**22**



**Joe Louis**

On June 22nd, all of American celebrated as post-war patriot Joe Louis knocked-out German Nazi symbol Max Schmeling

**23**



**Wilma Rudolph**  
Born 23 June 1940

Athlete & Commentator. The 1st African American Woman to win 3 Gold Medals at the Olympics; the 100m, 200m & the 4 x 100m relay in 1960

**24**



**Kingston Jamaica**

On June 24th, Kingston Jamaica was Founded. It has served as the Capital since 1872 & is the home of Reggae Music

**25**



**Shirley Witherspoon**  
Born 25 June 1941

Singer & Successful Theatre Performer. Played a 1 year stint with Duke Ellington. Recordings include: 'Where Do I Sign?' & 'Magic & Love'

**1865**

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Blues Singer & Guitarist of the 40's. Recordings include: 'Mississippi River Blues', 'Chicago Calling', 'I Feel So Good' & 'Warm Witty & Wise'

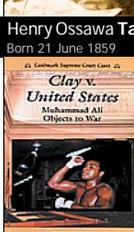
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**Big Bill Broonzy**  
Born 26 June 1893

Poet & Novelist. 'Oak & Ivy' was the 1st published work, written solely in the Black dialect. Gained International prominence around 1900

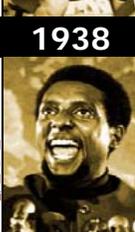
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**Clay v. United States**

On June 28th, The U.S Supreme Court unanimously overturned the draft evasion conviction of Boxing hero Muhammad Ali

**28**



**Stokely Carmichael**  
Born 29 June 1941

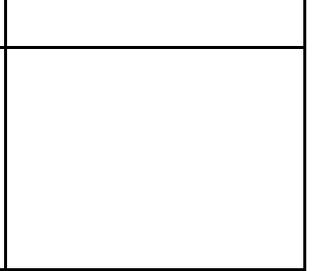
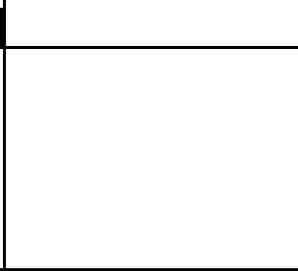
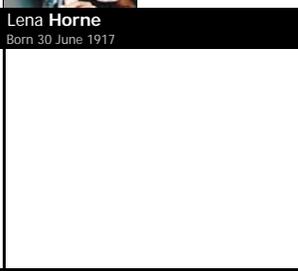
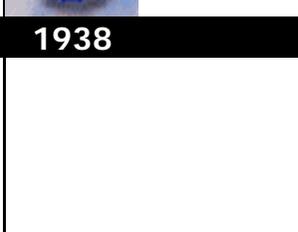
Activist & Leader of the Black Panther Party. Upon his release he used the phrase 'Black Power' to urge Black pride & independence

**29**



**Lena Horne**  
Born 30 June 1917

Singer & Pioneering Actress. Received Lifetime Grammy Award in 1989. Films include: 'Cabin in the Sky', 'The Wiz' & 'Stormy Weather'



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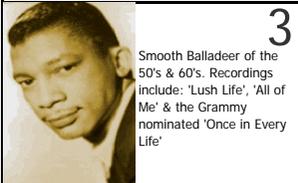
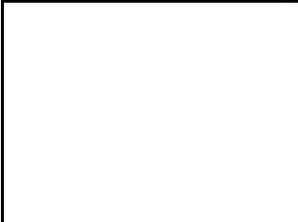
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**Johnny Hartman**  
Born 3 July 1923

**10**  
Activist & Tennis Player. Won Wimbledon in 1975 & the US title in 1968. He personally wrote many of the rules that are used today

**Arthur Ashe**  
Born 10 July 1943



**Diahann Carroll**  
Born 17 July 1935

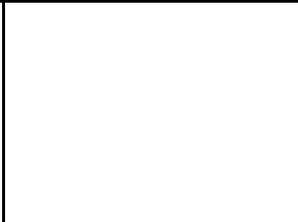
**24**  
Famous French Author. Novels from 1844 to 1859 include: 'The 3 Musketeers', 'The Black Tulip' & 'The Count of Monte Cristo'

**Alexandre Dumas**  
Born 24 July 1802



**Wesley Snipes**  
Born 31 July 1962

**31**  
Actor & Producer. Received NAACP Image Award for 'New Jack City' (1991) Films include: 'Blade Trilogy', 'Drop Zone' & 'White Men Can't Jump'



**Bill Withers**  
Born 4 July 1938



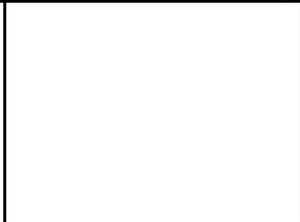
**Craig Charles**  
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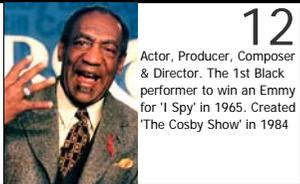
**Nelson Mandela**  
Born 18 July 1918



**Iman**  
Born 25 July 1955



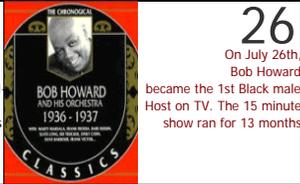
**The RZA** (Bobby Digital)  
Born 5 July 1966



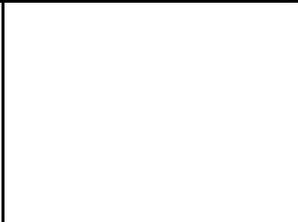
**Bill Cosby**  
Born 12 July 1937



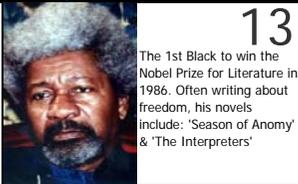
**Joseph Lee**  
Born 19 July 1849



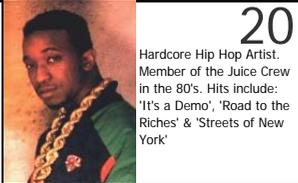
**Queen Mother** (Audley Moore)  
Born 27 July 1898



**Della Reese**  
Born 6 July 1931



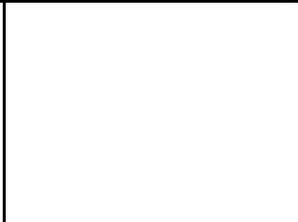
**Willard Motley** (Bud Billiken)  
Born 14 July 1909



**Koolha Rap**  
Born 20 July 1968



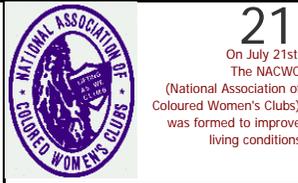
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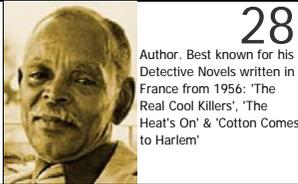
**Missy Elliot**  
Born 1 July 1971



**Forrest Whitaker**  
Born 15 July 1961



**George Clinton**  
Born 22 July 1941



**Vivian Anderson**  
Born 29 July 1956



**Harrison Dillard**  
Born 8 July 1923



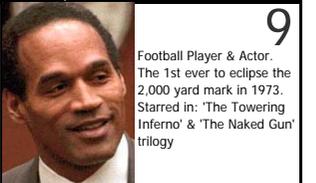
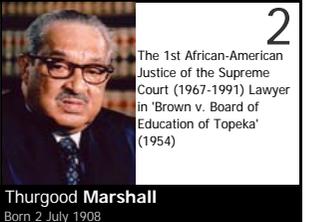
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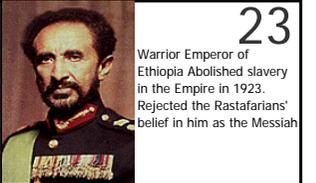
**Vivian Anderson**  
Born 29 July 1956



**O.J. Simpson** (The Juice)  
Born 9 July 1947



**Daryl 'Chill' Mitchell**  
Born 16 July 1965



**Haile Selassie**  
Born 23 July 1892



**Lawrence Fishburne**  
Born 30 July 1961



# AUGUST 2006

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**1**



**Geoffrey Holder**  
Born 1 August 1930

Dancer, Choreographer, Painter, Director, Costume Designer & Actor. Films include: 'Boomerang', 'Annie', 'Live & Let Die' & 'The Wiz'

**2**



**James Baldwin**  
Born 2 August 1924

Author. His 1st novel: 'Go Tell It on the Mountain' (1953) established him as a leading black commentator on the condition of his people

**3**



**Isaiah Washington**  
Born 3 August 1963

Actor. Films include: 'Girl 6', 'Romeo Must Die', 'Clockers', 'Dead Presidents', 'Welcome to Collinwood', 'Exit Wounds' & 'Love Jones'

**4**



**Louis Armstrong** (Satchmo)  
Born 4 August 1901

Probably the most famous Jazz Musician of the 20th century. Transformed jazz from a rough regional dance music into a popular art form

**5**



**Patrick Ewing**  
Born 5 August 1962

Basketball Player. Rookie of the Year in 1985. 11 time NBA All-Star & member of the original Dream Team at the 1992 Olympics

**6**



**Dorian Harewood**  
Born 6 August 1950

Actor & Voice-Over Artist. Films include: 'Full Metal Jacket', 'Assault On Precinct 13', 'Levity', 'Gothika' & 'Against All Odds'

**7**



**Ralph J Bunche**  
Born 7 August 1904

American Political Scientist & Diplomat. Received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 for his mediation in Palestine that led to an armistice agreement

**8**



**Chris Eubank**  
Born 8 August 1966

High earning British Boxer. Won WBO Middle-weight & Super-Middleweight titles both in 1990 & had more title fights than any other

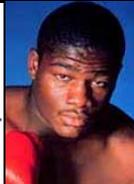
**9**



**Whitney Houston**  
Born 9 August 1963

Singer & Actress. Has the best-selling Debut ever by a female artist in 1985 & the best-selling Soundtrack of all time: 'The Bodyguard' in 1992

**10**



**Riddick Bowe**  
Born 10 August 1967

Arguably the most Complete Heavy-Weight Boxer of his generation. Beat Evander Holyfield, then Herbie Hide to become Undisputed champion

**11**



**Alex Haley**  
Born 11 Aug 1921

Author of 'Roots: The Saga Of An American Family' (1976) Penned 'The Autobiography of Malcom X' & Received the Pulitzer Prize (1977)

**12**



**Gladys Bentley**  
Born 12 August 1907

Singer & Entertainer. Transformed popular tunes with playful lyrics in the 20's. Hits include: 'Thrill Me Till I Get My Fill' & 'Notoriety Papa'

**13**



**Claudia McNeil**  
Born 13 August 1917

Singer & Actress. Landed her 1st role on Broadway in 'The Crucible' (1953) Starred in the film: 'The Last Angry Man' & TV's: 'The Nurses' & 'Roots'

**14**



**Halle Berry**  
Born 14 August 1968

The 1st Black Female to win Best Actress Oscar in 2002 for 'Monster's Ball'. Films include: 'Losing Isaiah', 'X2', 'Swordfish' & 'Catwoman'

**15**



**Anthony Anderson**  
Born 15 August 1970

Comedic Actor. Films include: 'Romeo Must Die', 'Me, Myself & Irene', 'Cradle 2 The Grave', 'Trippin'', 'My Baby's Daddy' & 'Barbershop'

**16**



**Angela Basset**  
Born 16 August 1958

Actress & Producer. Played Betty Shabazz in both 'Malcom X' & 'Panther'. Films include: 'Waiting to Exhale' & 'What's Love Got to Do With It'

**17**



**Marcus Garvey**  
Born 17 August 1887

Highly influential Political Leader. Advocated world-wide Black Unity & from 1920 led the 'Universal Negro Improvement Association'

**18**



**Glenn Plummer**  
Born 18 August 1961

Actor & Producer. Films include: 'Menace II Society', 'The Day After Tomorrow', 'Love Beat the Hell Outta Me', 'Colours' & 'Speed'

**19**



**William Marshall**  
Born 19 August 1924

Actor. Star of the 70's cult horror films 'Blacula' & its sequel 'Scream, Blacula, Scream'. Films include: 'Lydia Bailey' & 'Maverick'

**20**



**KRS-One** (The Teacher)  
Born 20 August 1965

Hip Hop Pioneer & Lecturer. As Head of BDP, released the classic LP 'Criminal Minded'. Raised over \$600k for the National Urban League

**21**



**Count Basie**  
Born 21 August 1904

Jazz Pianist, Organist & Bandleader of his legendary Kansas City band (c1939) Winner of Grammy: Lifetime Achievement Award (2002)

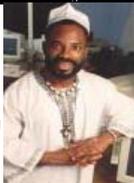
**22**



**Beenie Man**  
Born 22 August 1973

One of the most famous DJs in Jamaican history. Hits include: 'The Art & Life', 'Over the Sea', 'The Doctor', 'Blessed' & 'Defend It'

**23**



**Philip Emeagwali**  
Born 23 August 1954

Supercomputer & Internet Pioneer. Created the World's fastest computer in 1989 & Improved Petroleum Recovery in 1990

**24**



**Althea Gibson**  
Born 25 August 1927

Tennis Player. Partnered by Angela Buxton she became the 1st black to win a Wimbledon title in 1956 & went on to win the Singles title a year later

**25**



**Blair Underwood**  
Born 25 August 1964

Actor, Producer & Director. Widely known for his role on the TV series: 'L.A. Law'. Films include: 'Set It Off', 'Deep Impact' & 'Just Cause'

**26**



**Branford Marsalis**  
Born 26 August 1960

Jazz Saxophonist. Featured with Sting & brother Wynton. Recorded the 'Mo' Better Blues' soundtrack & formed rap group: Buckshot LeFonque

**27**



**Frederick O'Neal**  
Born 27 August 1905

Actor, Director & a Major Administrative figure in the Black Theatre. Starred in 'Cotton Comes To Harlem' & TV's 'Car 54, Where Are You?'

**28**



**1963**  
On August 28th, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his memorable 'I have a Dream' speech at the March on Washington

**29**



**Charlie Parker**  
Born 29 August 1920

Jazz Saxophonist & Composer. Made huge contributions to jazz music. Recordings include: 'KoKo', 'Ornithology' & 'Now's the Time'

**30**



**Robin Harris**  
Born 30 August 1953

Comedian, Actor & Writer. His routine: 'Bebe's Kids' became an animated movie in 1992. Films include: 'House Party' & 'Do The Right Thing'

**31**



**Chris Tucker**  
Born 31 August 1972

Actor & Motormouth Stand-up Comedian. Films include: 'Rush Hour', 'Money Talks', 'The Fifth Element', 'Friday' & 'Dead Presidents'

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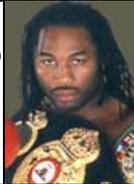
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**Ruud Gullit**  
Born 1 September 1962

Footballer. Led Holland to a string of victories throughout the 80's & 90's. Helped temper racial tensions in the Dutch society & in the UK



**Lennox Lewis**  
Born 2 September 1965

Britain's most successful Boxer & Undisputed Heavy-weight Champion of the world. Seized 20 victories & unified all 3 championship titles



**Charles H. Houston**  
Born 3 September 1895

Important Black Lawyer of the 20th Century. 1st full-time, paid Council to the NAACP. Laid legal groundwork for Brown v. Board Of Education



**Lewis Howard Latimer**  
Born 4 September 1848

4

Draftsman, Author & Inventor of the 'Light Bulb Filament' in 1881. Supervised the Installation of the Electric Lights in New York & London



**Larry Neal**  
Born 5 September 1937

5

Writer. One of the most well known figures of the 60's Black Arts Movement. Wrote the article: 'Black Fire' & the play: 'In an Upstate Motel'



**Richard Durham**  
Born 6 September 1917

6

Writer & Editor of 'The Chicago Defender'. 40 years before the Civil Rights Movement his radio scripts portrayed a positive image for blacks



**Richard Roundtree**  
Born 7 September 1942

7

Actor. Leading-man in 70's Blaxploitation movies. Best known for his role in the 'Shaft' trilogy. Also featured in the 2000 remake



**Larenz Tate**  
Born 8 September 1975

8

Actor. Films include: 'Love Jones', 'Menace II Society', 'Why Do Fools Fall In Love', 'Dead Presidents', 'Ray' & 'The Postman'



**Otis Redding**  
Born 9 September 1941

9

60's Soul Singer. Embodied the power of Southern 'Deep Soul'. Hits include: 'I've Been Loving You Too Long', 'Mr. Pitiful', & 'Sittin' on The Dock of the Bay'



**Alvin Childress**  
Born 10 September 1907

10

Actor. Mainly know for his role in the 50's TV series Amos 'n' Andy. Films include: 'Get Down & Boogie' & 'Thunderbolt & Lightfoot'



**Ludacris**  
Born 11 September 1977

11

Rapper & Actor. Hits include: 'What's Your Fantasy', 'Stand Up', 'Area Codes' & 'Act a Fool'. Also starred in 'The Wash', 'Crash' & '2 Fast 2 Furious'



**Jesse Owens**  
Born 12 September 1913

12

Track-&Field Athlete. 4 Gold medals in the 1936 Berlin Olympics derailed Hitler's intended use of the games as a show of Aryan supremacy



**Michael Johnson**  
Born 13 September 1967

13

Athlete. Considered the greatest sprinter of all time. Became the 1st man to win gold medals in the 200m & 400m at the 1996 Olympic Games



**Nasir Jones**  
Born 14 September 1973

14

Rap Artist. Highly acclaimed for his music's intelligence & direction. Hits include: 'The World Is Yours', 'It Ain't Hard To Tell' & 'Bridging The Gap'



**Jan Ernst Matzeliger**  
Born 15 September 1852

15

Invented the 'Shoe Lasting Machine' in 1883 which attached the sole to the shoe in one minute



**BB. King**  
Born 16 September 1925

16

Blues Guitarist & Song-writer Has named his guitars 'Lucille' since the 50's. Hits include: 'Woke Up This Morning' & 'You Know I Love You'



**Doug E. Fresh**  
Born 17 September 1966

17

Rap's 1st Human Beatbox & still the best of all time. Hits include: 'Just Havin Fun', 'The Show/La Di Da Di' with Slick Rick & 'All the Way to Heaven'



**Jada Pinket-Smith**  
Born 18 September 1971

18

Actress, Producer & Writer. Films include: 'Bamboozled', 'Menace II Society', 'Scream 2', 'Ali', 'The Matrix Revolutions' & 'Set It Off'



**Sanaa Lathan**  
Born 19 September 1971

19

Actress. Films include: 'Brown Sugar', 'Out of Time', 'Alien vs. Predator', 'Love & Basketball', 'The Best man' & 'Disappearing Acts'



**Gordon Heath**  
Born 20 September 1918

20

Actor, Director & Musician. Recorded several Folk Music albums & performed on the Parisian cabaret scene. Co-owned the Left Bank nightclub



**Lord Learie Constantine**  
Born 21 September 1901

21

Professional Cricket Player, BBC Broadcaster, Governor, Lawyer, Trinidad's 1st High Commissioner & the 1st Black to gain a life Peerage in 1969

22

On September 22nd, Ralph Bunche became the 1st Black to receive the Nobel Prize for his historic mediation



**Ray Charles**  
Born 23 September 1930

23

Pianist & Soul Singer. Helped shape the sound of rhythm & blues combined with Gospel. His recording of 'What'd I Say' was his 1st million-seller



**Theresa Merritt**  
Born 24 September 1924

24

Actress. Recognized for her role on TV's 'That's My Mama'. Films include: 'All That Jazz', 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas' & 'The Wiz'



**Will Smith**  
Born 25 September 1968

25

Actor, Rap Artist & Producer. Star of TV series: 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. Films include: 'Independence Day', 'Ali', 'Bad Boys' & 'I, Robot'



**Serena Williams**  
Born 26 September 1981

26

Tennis Player, Actress & Model. In 1999 she won her 1st Grand Slam tournament when she became US Open & Doubles Champion with sister Venus



**Bud Powell**  
Born 27 September 1924

27

Jazz Pianist & Composer, regarded as an originator of the Modern Jazz Piano style. Recordings include: 'Un Poco Loco' & 'Glass Enclosure'



**Richard B. Harrison**  
Born 28 September 1864

28

Actor, Elocutionist, Lecturer. Starred in 'Pa Williams' Gal' & 'The Green Pastures' which opened on Broadway & won the Pulitzer Prize

1950

29

Actress, Author, Elocutionist & an International Leader of the Garvey Movement. Also worked as an assistant to Frederick Douglass in 1878



**Marley Marl**  
Born 30 Sept 1962

30

Pioneering Hip Hop Producer Replaced electronic rhythms with sampling. Founded the Juice Crew featuring Big Daddy Kane & Masta Ace

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**1**



Composer & Vocalist. Hits include: 'The Ghetto', 'You've Got a Friend', 'Where Is the Love' & 'Back Together Again' recorded with Roberta Flack

**Donny Hathaway**  
Born 1 October 1946

**2**



Obie Winning Stage & Screen Actor. Co-founded The Negro Ensemble Company in the 60's. Films include: 'Heartbreak Ridge', 'Shaft' & 'Ragtime'

**Moses Gunn**  
Born 2 October 1929

**3**



60's Singer. Best known for popularising a dance with his hit songs: 'The Twist', 'Slow Twistin'', 'Pony Time' & 'Let's Twist Again...'

**Chubby Checker**  
Born 3 October 1941

**4**



Musician. Provided a forum for Break Dancers & is attributed with bringing to the world Hip Hop Culture. Also co-founded The Zulu Nation

**Africa Bambata**  
Born 4 October 1960

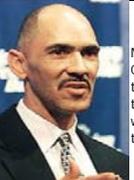
**5**



Comedian & Actor. Star of his own prime-time TV show. Films include: 'Mr. 3000', 'The Players Club', 'Friday' & 'Oceans Eleven'

**Bernie Mac**  
Born 5 October 1958

**6**



NFL Coach, Quarterback & Coordinator. Head coach of the Indianapolis Colts for the 2002-2003 season where he lead the team to the playoffs

**Tony Dungy**  
Born 6 October 1955

**7**



Nation of Islam Leader (1934) His program of separation built up membership. He later focused on self-help rather than racial confrontation

**Elijah Muhammad**  
Born 7 October 1897

**8**



Civil-Rights Leader. Became the 1st African-American to make a serious bid for the presidency with his Democratic nomination in 1983

**Jesse Jackson**  
Born 8 October 1941

**9**



Master of the Vibraphone, R&B & Jazz/Funk leader, Acid Jazz Innovator. Hits include: 'Running Away' & 'Everybody Loves The Sunshine'

**Roy Ayers**  
Born 9 October 1940

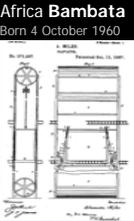
**10**



Improvisational Jazz Pianist. Regarded as a founder of Bebop. Signed with Columbia Records & appeared on the cover of Time Magazine

**Thelonious Monk**  
Born 10 October 1917

**11**



On October 11th Alexander Miles issued US Patent #371,207 for the Electric Elevator His improvements saved lives

**1887**

**12**



Comedian, Author & Activist. Moved from comedy to focus on political issues in the 70's. A nutrition expert in the 80's, he created the 'Bahamian Diet'

**Dick Gregory**  
Born 12 October 1932

**13**



Actress, Writer & Director. Star of TV's 'Martin' & 'My Wife & Kids'. Films include: 'Sprung', 'Another 48 Hours', 'Boomerang' & 'House Party'

**Tisha Campbell**  
Born 13 October 1968

**14**



R&B Singer & Actor. His 2004 LP Confessions sold over a million copies in the US in its 1st week of release. Starred in 'The Faculty' & 'Light It Up'

**Usher Raymond**  
Born 14 October 1978

**15**



On October 15th, Huey Newton, Sherman Forte, Elbert Howard, Reggie Forte, Bobby Hutton & Bobby Seale formed The Black Panthers

**1966**

**16**



On October 16th The Million-Man March took place in Washington D.C. Focusing on Racial Pride, Spirituality & Unity

**1995**

**17**



Scientist, Teacher, Astronaut. In 1992 she became the 1st woman of colour to go into space aboard the NASA Shuttle Endeavour

**Mae Jemison**  
Born 17 October 1955

**18**



Author. Her stories of black women have led to the film adaptations: 'How Stella Got Her Groove Back', 'Waiting to Exhale' & 'Disappearing Acts'

**Terry McMillan**  
Born 18 October 1951

**19**



Professional Boxer. 3 time Undisputed Heavyweight World Champion by 1996. The only universally recognized World Cruiserweight Champ

**Evander Holyfield**  
Born 19 October 1962

**20**



West Coast Rapper & Actor. Films include: 'Training Day' & 'Starsky & Hutch'. His 1993 LP 'Doggystyle' was the 1st debut ever to enter the charts at #1

**Snoop Dogg**  
Born 20 October 1971

**21**



Trumpeter who first made Bebop a vogue. Freelance until joining the Cab Calloway orchestra to became one of its shining lights in 1939

**Dizzy Gillespie**  
Born 21 October 1917

**22**



Activist. Co-founded The Black Panthers to protect residents from acts of police brutality. The party's militant stance was both feared & admired

**Bobby Seale**  
Born 22 October 1936

**23**



Author, Composer, Actor & Brazilian Football Legend. Holds the world record of 97 goals scored on the international level

**Pele**  
Born 23 October 1940

**24**



Invented a 'Permanent Wave Machine' in 1928 & became the 1st Black woman to receive a US patent. Director of C.J. Walker's beauty schools

**Marjorie S. Joyner**  
Born 24 October 1896

**25**



On October 25th Black women participated in The Million Woman March in Philadelphia which focused on health care & education

**1997**

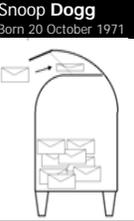
**26**



Singer, Songwriter & Funk Bassist influencing Heavy Metal & Soul music since the 60's. Evolved into Bootzilla, a rhinestone-bedecked rock god

**Bootsy Collins**  
Born 26 October 1951

**27**



On October 27th, Inventor P.B Downing issued Patent #462,096 for his Street Letter Box for faster communication

**1891**

**28**



Noted in history as the 2nd black Football Player after Andrew Watson. In 1886, he set a new world record of 10 seconds for the 100 yard dash

**Arthur Wharton**  
Born 28 October 1865

**29**



Actress. Star of TV series: 'City of Angels'. Films include: 'Bad Boys II', 'The Brothers', 'Two Can Play That Game' & 'Deliver Us From Eva'

**Gabrielle Union**  
Born 29 October 1973

**30**



Actress. Award winning star of TV's: 'Third Watch'. Films include: 'Friday', 'Soul Food', 'Boiler Room', 'Boyz n the Hood' & 'Made in America'

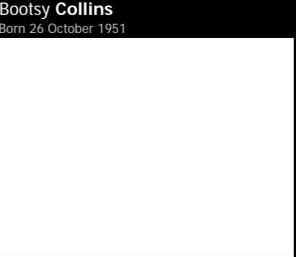
**Nia Long**  
Born 30 October 1970

**31**



Actor. Star of 'Desmonds', 'The Cosby Show' & 'The Fosters' with Lenny Henry which was British TV's 1st Black sit-com

**Norman Beaton**  
Born 31 October 1934



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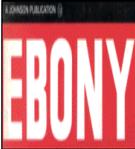
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**1**

On November 1st, John H. Johnson published the very 1st issue of Ebony Magazine



**1945**

**2**

On November 2nd, Halle Selassie became Ethiopia's Emperor succeeding Empress Zawditu



**1930**

**3**

The Longest Reigning World Heavyweight Champion in Boxing history (1978-1985) 20 consecutive title defences, 48 straight wins with 44 KO's



**Larry Holmes**  
Born 3 November 1949

**4**

Influential Music Producer, Actor & Rap Artist. Launched Bad Boy Entertainment. Owns Sean Jean clothing & Starred in the film 'Monster's Ball'



**Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs**  
Born 4 November 1969

**5**

On November 5th, George Foreman aged 45, became the Oldest Fighter ever to win the Heavyweight crown



**1994**

**6**

Actress. Appeared on TV series 'ER'. Films include: 'Beloved', 'Gridlock'd', 'Crash' 'The Chronicles of Riddick' & 'Mission: Impossible 2'



**Thandie Newton**  
Born 6 November 1972

**7**

The Highest Capped Black Footballer in history. TV Commentator & Club Manager. Spent 10 years at Liverpool & played 78 games for England



**John Barnes**  
Born 7 November 1963

**8**

Singer. Fondly remembered for her timeless voice & spirit. Hits include: 'Young, Willing & Able', 'Loving You' & 'Let's Stay in Love'



**Minnie Ripperton**  
Born 8 November 1947

**9**

Pioneering 50's Actress. Oscar Nominated for 'Carmen Jones' (1954) Films include: 'Porgy & Bess', 'Island In The Sun' & 'Tarzan's Peril'



**Dorothy Dandridge**  
Born 9 November 1922

**10**

Rapper & Actress. Starred in 'XXX' & 'Barbershop'. Hits include: 'Gangsta Lovin' & the Grammy Award winning 'Let Me Blow Ya Mind'



**Eve**  
Born 10 November 1978

**11**

Civil Rights Activist, fought segregated education. Advisor for the Little Rock 9 who were chosen to integrate Arkansas Central High School



**Daisy Bates**  
Born 11 November 1914

**12**

Actress. Films include: 'How to Make an American Quilt', 'Two Can Play That Game', 'Next Friday', 'Blue Streak' & 'The Brothers'



**Tamala Jones**  
Born 12 November 1974

**13**

Actress. Won Oscar for 'Ghost' (1990) Nominated for 'The Colour Purple' (1985) Films include: 'Boys on the Side' & 'Made in America'



**Whoopie Goldberg**  
Born 13 November 1955

**14**

Powerful voiced Blue Singer. Provided music to several TV Commercials, 'The New Blue-bloods' anthology & has an impressive theatrical resume



**Valerie Wellington**  
Born 14 November 1959

**15**

Actor, Director & Producer. Star of TV's: 'Homicide: Life on the Street'. Films include: 'The Running Man', 'Live & Let Die', 'Midnight Run' & 'Alien'



**Yaphet Kotto**  
Born 15 November 1937

**16**

Actress. Best known for her role on TV's: 'The Cosby Show' & 'A Different World'. Films include: 'Enemy of The State', 'Biker Boyz' & 'High Fidelity'



**Lisa Bonet**  
Born 16 November 1967

**17**

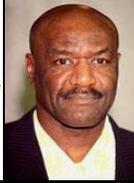
Actor. Appeared on TV's: '24' & 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer'. Films include: 'Love Jones', 'Drumline', 'Scam', 'Hoodlum' & 'He Got Game'



**Leonard Roberts**  
Born 17 November 1972

**18**

Actor. Films include: 'Gone with the Wind', 'Malcolm X', 'Wondrous Oblivion', 'Ransom' 'Get Shorty', 'Crooklyn' & 'Clockers'



**Delroy Lindo**  
Born 18 November 1952

**19**

The 1st Black to Write Scripts for TV & Film. From the 30's he wrote Novels & over 500 Songs including: 'Calypso Song Book' & the 'Day-O' Banana Boat Song



**William Attaway**  
Born 19 November 1911

**20**

Rapper, Producer & Actor. Founded A Tribe Called Quest with Ali Shaheed Muhammad & Phife. LP's include: 'The Low End Theory' & 'Amplified'



**Q-Tip**  
Born 20 November 1970

**21**

Actor. Widely recognized for his roles in the James Bond film 'Live & Let Die' & the 1972 classic 'Superfly' as a gangsta named Scatter



**Julius Harris**  
Born 21 November 1923

**22**

The 1st African-American to fly in Space (1979) aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Also flew 65 of his 144 combat missions over North Vietnam



**Guion S. Bluford, Jr**  
Born 22 November 1942

**23**

R&B Singer. Performed with Muddy Waters & Magic Sam. Hits include: 'There'll Come A Time', 'Smile' & 'The Shoop Shoop Song (It's In His Kiss)'



**Betty Everett**  
Born 23 November 1939

**24**

Composer & Pianist. Won a film Score Academy Award for the 'The Sting' (1973) & a Pulitzer Prize for his grand opera 'Treemonisha'



**Scott Joplin** (The King of Ragtime)  
Born 24 November 1868

**25**

Soul Singer. Provided vocals for John Lennon, Bette Midler & Mick Jagger. Hits include: 'Somebody Else's Guy', 'Love's Gonna Get You' & 'Hot Blood'



**Jocelyn Brown**  
Born 25 November 1950

**26**

Singer & Actress. The world's most successful Female Rock Artist. Her book 'Tina' was adapted into the film: 'What's Love Got to Do with It'



**Tina Turner**  
Born 26 November 1939

**27**

Musician. Pioneered the explosive possibilities of the Electric Guitar. His songs became favourites of the soldiers in Vietnam



**Jimi Hendrix**  
Born 27 November 1942

**28**

American Producer. Founded the Motown Record label in Detroit (1959) & launched the careers of numerous Soul Legends



**Berry Gordy, Jr.**  
Born 28 November 1929

**29**

Actor, Director & Producer. Films include: 'Swordfish', 'Traffic', 'Ocean's Twelve', 'After The Sunset', 'Colours' & 'Hotel Rwanda'



**Don Cheadle**  
Born 29 November 1964

**30**

Author, Photographer, Film Producer & Director. Well known for his photo-essay: 'Flavio'. Also directed 'Shaft' & 'The Super Cops'



**Gordon Parks**  
Born 30 November 1912

**31**

On November 31st, the day after Thanksgiving, is celebrated as 'Kwanzaa' in many African American communities. It is a week-long festival of African heritage and culture.

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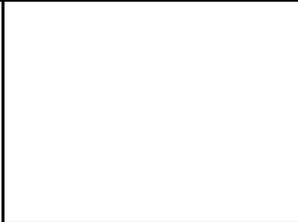
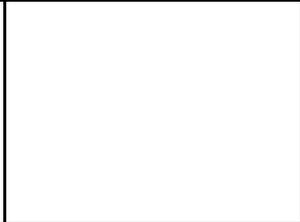
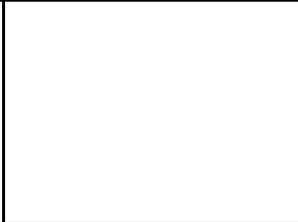
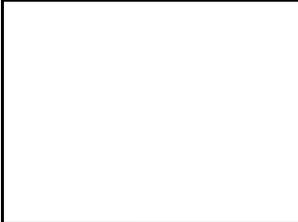
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**Richard Pryor**  
Born 1 December 1940

**1**  
Pioneering Comedian, Actor & Writer. Starred in 'Car Wash', 'Superman III', 'Stir Crazy' & his own TV show in the 70's. Received 5 Grammy Awards



**Harry T Burleigh**  
Born 2 December 1866

**2**  
One of the earliest Arrangers of African American Religious Music. Composed spirituals including 'Deep River', 'Jean & Just You'



**Ralph Gardner**  
Born 3 December 1922

**3**  
Pioneer Chemist. Developed so-called hard plastics & innovated numerous products for the petrochemical & pharmaceutical industries



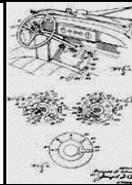
**Jay-Z**  
Born 4 December 1969

**4**  
Rapper. Co-founder of Roc-a-Fella Records, President & CEO of Def Jam Records. Hits include: 'H to the Izzo', 'Enore' & 'Hard Knock Life'



**Little Richard**  
Born 5 December 1932

**5**  
Flamboyant Pioneer of Rock & Roll since the 50's. Hits include: 'Tutti-Frutti' & 'Good Golly, Miss Molly'. Starred in the film: 'Don't Knock the Rock'



**1932**

**6**  
On December 6th Inventor Richard Spikes issued Patent for the Automatic Gear Shift



**Reginald Lewis**  
Born 7 December 1942

**7**  
Lawyer. President of the largest Black-owned business in the US (1989) Partner in the 1st Black Law Firm on Wall Street



**Sammy Davis Jr.**  
Born 8 December 1925

**8**  
Actor, Producer, Director & Entertainer. Reached prominence in the 60's & 70's as an original member of 'The Rat Pack' in 'Ocean's Eleven'



**Donald Byrd**  
Born 9 December 1932

**9**  
Jazz Educator & Hard Bop Trumpeter. Came into his own as a fusion artist with an upbeat blend of Jazz & R&B on 1972's 'Black Byrd'



**Michael Clarke Duncan**  
Born 10 December 1957

**10**  
Actor & Former Celebrity Bodyguard. Received Golden Globe for 'The Green Mile'. Films include: 'Dare-Devil' & 'Armageddon'



**Mos Def**  
Born 11 December 1973

**11**  
Brooklyn-born socially aware Rapper, Producer & Actor. Starred in 'Brown Sugar', 'The Italian Job' & TV's 'The Cosby Mysteries'



**Donnie Warrick**  
Born 12 December 1940

**12**  
Singer. Hits with Burt Bacharach & Hal David as songwriters include: 'Walk On By', 'Don't make Me Over' & 'I Say A Little Prayer'



**Jamie Foxx**  
Born 13 December 1967

**13**  
Comedian, Musician & Actor. Star of 'Any Given Sunday', 'Collateral', his own TV show & 'In Living Colour'. Won Best Actor Oscar for 'Ray' (2005)



**Stanley Crouch**  
Born 14 December 1945

**14**  
Drummer, Outspoken Music Critic & Author of Don't the Moon Look Lonesome. Writer for the Village Voice during the 80's



**Reginald Hudlin**  
Born 16 December 1961

**15**  
Producer, Writer & Director. Films include: 'Boomerang', 'The Great White Hype', 'The Ladies Man', 'House Party' & 'Serving Sarah'



**1946**

**16**  
On December 16th Booker T Washington's 50 cent piece was Issued. It was the 1st Coin Honouring a Black & Designed by a Black



**Eddie Kendricks**  
Born 17 December 1939

**17**  
Motown 60's Soul Legend. Known for his expressive vocals with the Temptations. Hits include: 'Keep On Truckin' & 'Boogie Down'



**Steve Biko**  
Born 18 December 1946

**18**  
Anti-apartheid Activist. Co-founded the South African Students' Organisation in 1968 & was forbidden from making speeches in public



**Carter G. Woodson**  
Born 19 December 1875

**19**  
Scholar & Historian known as the 'Father of Black History'. Initiated Black History Week in 1926, which became 'Black History Month' during the 60's



**Anita Baker**  
Born 20 December 1957

**20**  
Gospel & Soul Singer. Hailed as 'the voice of the 90's'. Hits include: 'Caught Up in The Rapture', 'I Apologize' & 'Sweet Love'



**Samuel L. Jackson**  
Born 21 December 1948

**21**  
Actor. Received 1994 Oscar nomination for 'Pulp Fiction' Films include: 'Jungle Fever', 'A Time To Kill' & 'Star Wars episode 1'



**James Amos Porter**  
Born 22 December 1905

**22**  
Author of reference work: 'Modern Negro Art' & Painter of the award winning 'Woman Holding a Jug'



**Madam C. J. Walker**  
Born 23 December 1867

**23**  
Inventor. Developed a method for straightening curly hair in 1905 which made her the 1st black female Millionaire in the US



**Mekhi Phifer**  
Born 24 December 1974

**24**  
Actor. Well known for his role in the TV series ER. Films include: 'Clockers', 'Soul Food', 'High School High' & '8 Mile'



**Cab Calloway**  
Born 25 December 1907

**25**  
Jazz Singer famous for his song 'Minnie the Moocher'. Led big bands from the 30's to the 50's & starred in the film: 'The Cincinnati Kid'



**Jazzy B.**  
Born 26 December 1963

**26**  
DJ, Producer, Progenitor of Soul II Soul & pioneer of 'trip-hop'. Hits include: 'Keep On Movin' & 'Back To Life'



**Florence Griffith Joyner** (Flo Jo)  
Born 21 December 1959

**27**  
American Athlete. Still holds the World Records in the 100m & 200m from the 1988 Summer Olympics, along with a 4x100m relay Gold Medal



**Denzel Washington**  
Born 28 December 1954

**28**  
Actor, Director & 2 time Oscar winner. Films include: 'Glory', 'Cry Freedom', 'Out of Time', 'Training Day' & 'Malcolm X'



**Dallas Austin**  
Born 29 December 1972

**29**  
Music Producer, Song-Writer, owner of Rowdy Records. Produced hits for Brandy, Madonna, Michael Jackson, TLC, & Boyz II Men



**Bo Diddley** (the Originator)  
Born 30 December 1928

**30**  
Blues Singer, Songwriter & Guitarist. Hits include: 'I'm a Man', 'Who Do You Love?' & 'Road Runner'



**Odetta**  
Born 31 December 1930

**31**  
Contralto voiced Folk Singer. Recordings include: 'Blues Everywhere I Go' & 'Odetta Sings Ballads & Blues'

